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SUBJECT: PHAM VAN DONG'S VISIT TO BULGARIA BEGINS

1. DRV PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG ARRIVED BULGARIA AUGUST 1 FOR FIVE-DAY "OFFICIAL FRIENDLY " VISIT. MOST INTERESTING EVENT SO FAR WAS DINNER AUGUST 1 AT WHICH PREMIER STANKO TODOROV DELIVERED RESTRAINED TOAST PRAISING VICTORY AND PEACE IN VIETNAM, AS WELL AS NEW ATMOSPHERE OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AMONG STATES OF DIFFERING POLITICAL SYSTEMS, AND ANNOUNCING GOB HAD DECIDED THAT ALL AID FO FAR EXTENDED DRV WAS NON-REPAYABLE. ON FUTURE AID, TODOROV SPOKE ONLY OF GOB PARTICIPATION "ACCORDING TO ITS POSSIBILITIES" IN RESTORING AND DEVELOPING DRV ECONOMY.

TODOROV'S TOAST EXPLICITLY NAMED US ONLY IN PORTION HAILING NEW CLIMATE EAST-WEST RELATIONS. IN CONTRAST TO PHAM VAN DONG, TODOROV WAS CAREFUL TO RESTRICT HIS ATTACKS TO "PUPPET SAIGON REGIME." HE CALLED FOR STRICT ADHERENCE TO PARIS PEACE ACCORDS, PRESUMABLY BY ALL PARTIES TO AGREEMENTSM

3. ISRAEL WAS ONLY COUNTRY ATTACKED BY NAME IN
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TODOROV TOAST. CURIOUS THAT TODOROV REFERRED TO

SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF NOVEMBER 1967 DESPITE
CRIMEAN CONFERENCE OMISSION OF ANY MENTION THIS
RESOLUTION.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH IT IS PREMATURE TO JUDGE TONE
OF VISIT, WE HAVE FEELING THAT IT IS SOMEWHAT COOLER THAN
PREVIOUS GOB-DRV MEEO,& . INVITATION TO PHAM VAN DONG
NOT ISSUED IN ZHIVKOV'S OR TODOROV'S NAME, AND ALTHOUGH
WE EXPECT ZHIVKOV TO RETURN FROM USSR TODAY, CONFLICTING
VISIT OF UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM MAY REQUIRE PHAM VAN DONG
TO GO ON TOUR OF PROVINCE. WALDHEIM VISIT DESCRIBED
AS AT TODOR ZHIVKOV'S INVITATION.
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